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SUBJ: LEBANESE REQUEST FOR MEETING OF ICAO COUNCIL RE

ISRAELI DIVERSION OF AIRLINER

MONTREAL FOR US REP ICAO

1. LEBANESE AMBASSADOR KABBANI CALLED AT DEPARTMENT AUGUST 17 TO PRESENT COPY OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION LEBANON PLANS TO SUBMIT TO ICAO COUNCIL AT EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED FOR AFTERNOON AUGUST 20. THE AMBASSADOR REQUESTED USG SUPPORT FOR LEBANESE POSITION AND FOR INCLUSION IF ITEM ON AGENDAS OF ICAO MEETINGS IN ROME. KABBANI EMPHASIZED THAT LEBANESE TEXT IS A DRAFT AND IS NOT RPT NOT FINAL. HE SAID GOL WANTS TO CONSULT AND WORK CLOSELY WITH USG. HE STATED, HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT GOL DOES FEEL STRONGLY THAT RESOLUTION SHOULD CON-

TAIN LANGUAGE SINGLING OUT ISRAEL AFTER ITS RECENT ACTION.

2- DEPARTMENT OFFICER SAID WE HAD RECEIVED TEXT OF LEBANESE DRAFT FROM U.S. MISSION IN MONTREAL JUST PRIOR TO AMBASSADOR KABBANI'S CALL. WE WERE NOT YET IN A POSITION TO COMMENT IN DETAIL BUT COULD SAY THAT SOME PARAGRAPHS CAUSE US SOME SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES. DEPARTMENT OFFICER SAID WE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH LEBANESE SOON AND HOPE THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER EFFECTIVELY AS WE HAVE IN PAST.

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED KABBANI AND SAID WE HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH PORTIONS OF LEBANESE DRAFT RESOLUTION BUT WANT TO WORK CLOSELY WITH GOL. SISCO ASKED KABBANI TO INFORM LEBANESE REPRESENTATIVE IN MONTREAL THAT DEPARTMENT WILL BE SENDING SUGGESTED CHANGES TO U.S. REP AND WE HOPE LEBANESE AND U.S. REPS WILL BE ABLE TO GET TOGETHER RIGHT AWAY. SISCO ASKED THAT LEBANESE NOT TAKE ANY FURTHER STEPS UNTIL LEBANESE AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVES IN MONTREAL HAVE HAD TIME TO CONSULT. KABBANI SAID HE WOULD CALL LEBANESE REP IN MONTREAL TO TELL HIM TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH US. ROGERS

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